

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8-13 and 18-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 8-13 and 18-23 have been amended. Claims 4-7, 14-17 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 8, 11-14, 18 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,320,587 to Funyu, hereafter Funyu in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,108 to Marmor, hereafter Marmor.

This rejection is moot as to claims 4 and 14, which have been canceled.

Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have been amended to recite that the "host computing device has access to at least one database in which a plurality of language elements are stored in bitmap representations". Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have been further amended to recite that the companion device transmits "a request for one of said plurality of language elements to said host computing device". Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 have been further amended to recite that the host computing device responds to the request "by retrieving from said at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested language element" and "transmits to said companion computing device the retrieved bitmap representation".

Support for these amendments is found in the specification at page 7, lines 4-8.

Neither Funyu nor Marmor discloses or teaches the storage of a plurality of language elements in a bit map representation and responding to a request for one of the language elements to retrieve the bitmap representation that

corresponds to the requested language element and transmit the bitmap representation to the requestor. Independent claims 1, 11 and 21 additionally recite that the language element is a symbol of a complete message comprised of at least multiple characters. Funyu's bitmap of a font of a character is not such a language element. In the claimed invention, the transmitted bit map representation is retrieved, transmitted and displayed on the companion device's display without any conversion from character code to bit map. In the Funyu and Marmor combination there is a conversion from character code to bit map.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, 8, 11-13, 18 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 5-7, 15-17 and 24 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Funyu in view of Marmor, and further in view of Korpela (<http://www.cs.tut.fi/~jkorpela/chars.html>).

This rejection is moot since claims 5-7, 15-17 and 24 have been canceled.

The Office Action rejects claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as unpatentable over Funyu in view of Marmor, and further in view of Official Notice.

This rejection is traversed for the same reasons set forth above in the discussion of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 11, from which claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 depend.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 9, 10, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is obviated by the amendment and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth above that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, that claims 1-3, 8-13 and 18-23 be allowed and that this application be passed to issue.

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and passed to issue. If this amendment is deemed to not place the application in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that it be entered for the purpose of appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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